

LaHurd Part II Key Issues in Being with the Other

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II. Key Issues in Being with the Other

A. Balancing Christian Commitments with Inter-Religious Openness

1. Lutheran academic work
2. my own experience

B. Challenges and Pitfalls

1. mutual ignorance
2. prejudice and hate
3. Islamophobia
4. denominational gaps
5. tendency to reduce all to a simplistic common ground
6. failure to move beyond tolerance

C. Lutheran "Distinctives"

1. use of the intellect
2. living with ambiguity and complexity
3. grace
4. social statements
5. tradition of ecumenical and interfaith engagement
6. potential bridge role